

Appl. No. 09/840370

**REMARKS**

The following remarks are in response to the Office Action mailed on October 30, 2004. Upon entrance of the amendments set out above, Claims 1-6 remain pending in the application.

The Examiner finally rejected the claims in the last Action. Applicant's respectfully request that the Examiner enter the Amendment because it will place the application in condition for allowance. Alternatively, it will place the claims in a better position for appeal.

The Examiner rejected the claims as being anticipated by 6247293. Response is hereby made to that rejection.

The Examiner held that 6247293 teaches to pass operating speed from one module to the next. The claims have been amended to require an operating parameter in addition to speed, be passed from one module to the subsequent module. This is not taught in the prior art.

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application should be allowed. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned below if it will aid in the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully Submitted



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